



NEWS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
STATEWIDE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE - EASTERN DIVISION



Date: 08/08/2005:
Subject: Narcotic Arrest
Location: Waterford, CT

On 08/09/05 members of Statewide Narcotics Task Force-Eastern Office interrupted a narcotics transaction as it was occurring in the parking lot of the Walmart Super-store on Parkway North in Waterford, CT. Two arrests were made. Seized at the scene was four (4) bags of heroin and three syringe needles. The heroin has a street value of between \$40 and \$80 dollars.

Arrested: Paul Mazzella Age 28
140 Niantic River Rd
Waterford, CT

Charges: Possession of Heroin
Possession of Drug paraphernalia

Arrested: Heather Balas Age 32
215 North Taylor Ave
Norwalk, CT

Charges: Criminal attempt to possess Heroin
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Both were transported to Troop E in Montville for processing. Heather Balas was released on a \$10,000 Surety bond and is scheduled to appear in GA10 in New London on August 29, 2005. Paul Mazzella was held at Troop E in Montville on a \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court at GA 10 in New London on August 9, 2005.